

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Friends of Lake Darling 28E**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to enter into a 28E agreement with the Friends of Lake Darling. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Friends of Lake Darling are partnering to provide a four seasons lodge with a 200 person capacity, kitchen, storage, restrooms, covered patio, geothermal heating and cooling, site work, utilities, and parking to be located at Lake Darling State Park Beach Area. Also to be built for the beach and boathouse users will be a smaller shelter and restroom, utilities, and free-standing shower and a playground. An ADA pedestrian walkway system will be constructed to connect all of these facilities. The project in its entirety is known as the Beach Complex and is estimated at \$930,000 (plus a 10% contingency).

The DNR will be responsible for design, bid letting, contract administration, construction and inspection of this beach complex. There was a \$250,000 legislative appropriation in fiscal year 2007. In addition, the DNR is providing \$50,000 for the pedestrian walkway and \$60,000 for the construction of a restroom to be funded with 2008 REAP Open Spaces Acquisition and Development. The Friends Group has received a \$343,500 grant from the Riverside Casino, over \$60,000 from various local governments, and over \$50,000 from private donors to date. Their fund-raising efforts are continuing and there are currently enough monies available to bid out the Lodge portion of this complex, scheduled to occur in June. The project will be let in two phases. Funds will be deposited with DNR plus a 10% contingency prior to bid lettings.

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